GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1079
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REPORT ON GUJARAT VIOLENCE
A.K. PREMAJAM

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the citizen tribunal that studied the Gujarat violence has released its third report `Violence Against Humanity` prepared by a panel headed by justice V.R.Krishna Iyer (Rtd.);

(b) if so, the response of the Government to the findings and comments of the Report; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to investigate and prosecute genocide killings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (c): Government are aware that a private group known as Concerned Citizens Tribunal, headed by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer (Rtd.) had prepared a report on last year`s Gujarat violence. The report of the above group has, however, not been submitted either to the Union Government or the State Government.However, the State Govt has already appointed a Commission of Inquiry headed by Mr. Justice G.T. Nanawati, retired judge of the Supreme Court of India with Mr. Justice K.G. Shah, retired Judge of the Gujarat High Court as Member, to inquire into the incident of setting on fire some coaches of the Sabaramati Express train near Godhra Railway Station on 27th February, 2002 and subsequent incidents of violence in the State.